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(54) Multipurpose folding tool including corkscrew

(57) A multipurpose folding tool (16), for use by picnickers and travellers, including a corkscrew (40), a crown cap remover (78), and a can opener (80), as well as a small fork (36) and a small butter knife (32). Both the corkscrew (40) and a brace (42) for use together with it fit close to the handles (20,22) of the tool when the tool is in a compact, folded configuration. A spring (100) in one handle keeps the corkscrew safely folded when not in use, and a spring (122) on the brace keeps it in a desired position relative to the handles. The tool also includes folding pliers (18) and may include folding screwdrivers, knife blades, and scissors.

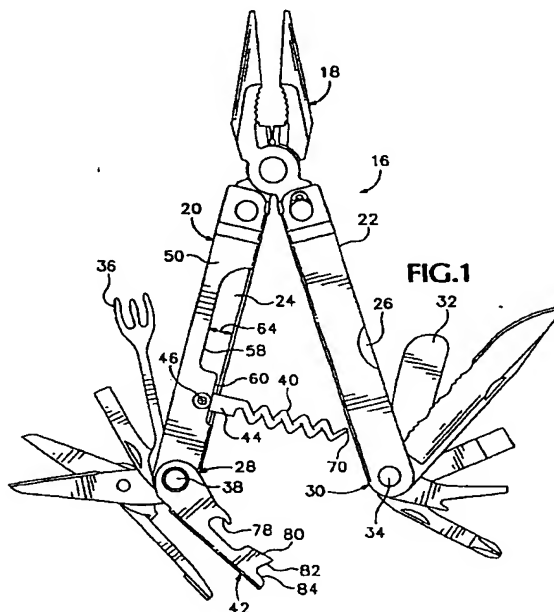


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